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1. According to statements made by a leader of Union Republicana and of the Bloque Republicano inside Spain, he was asked shortly prior to 15 January 1947 to define his position with regard to the proposed transition government for Spain, in view of the position taken by the Alianza de Fuerzas Democraticas and, within it, of the PSOE and the CNT.*
2. His position was that as long as the President of the Spanish Republican Government maintains a government in exile, it would be illegal to recognize any other government, either inside or outside Spain. Therefore he would reverse his refusal to collaborate in the constitution of a transition government only if the President of the Republic, for reasons of high policy, should consider it advisable that a transition government be set up.
3. The Bloque leader asserted that the visible anger which this statement provoked was proof of the fact that the cooperation of the Bloque Republicano was deemed essential to any present move to establish a transition government.

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